GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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TRADE OF MEDICINAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of medicinal plants exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom in term of rupees during each of the last three years;

(b) whether `No Objection Certificate` and `Non-Utility Certificate` in the country were taken from the Department of Indian System of Medicines for exporting these plants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): As per information available, Indian export of Medicinal Plants was as under during the last three years:

1. 1997-98 : 254.64 crores
2. 1998-99 : 268.75 crores
3. 1999 : 90.55 crores (April, 99 - September, 99)

Quantitywise details of each of the exported Medicinal Plants are available in the publication of Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S) viz. `Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India`.

(b),(c)&(d): Orders placing restrictions on export of 29 medicinal plants obtained from the wild were notified by the Ministry of Commerce vide Notification No.24(RE-98)/1997-2002, dated 14.10.1998.
Export of other plants and plant portions obtained from the wild is allowed on production of a `No objection Certificate` (NOC) from Regional Deputy Director (Wild Life), or Chief Conservator of Forests or Divisional Forest Officers of the State concerned from where these plants and plant portions have been procured, as per latest Notification No.IC(RE-2000)/1197-2002, dated 11.04.2000 of Ministry of Commerce.